

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
 TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2001 - 0530 MDT  
 NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2

CURRENT SITUATION:

Seven new large fires were reported, one each in Southern California, Eastern Great Basin and Northern Rockies, and four in Southern Area. Four large fires reached containment, one each in Southern California, Eastern, Rocky Mountain and Northern Rockies Areas. Initial attack activity was light nationwide. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

ARTHUR, Yellowstone National Park. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. This fire is 55 miles west of Cody, WY. Evacuation of the east entrance remains in place, and the East Entrance road remains closed at the Yellowstone National Park boundary. Crews made excellent progress in containment efforts along the northwest and southwest flanks and on spot fires above Canfield Creek. Low relative humidity and high temperatures resulted in increased fire behavior with torching, short runs and short range spotting. Several trails along the North Fork of the Shoshone River remain closed to visitors.

HOPPE, Gallatin National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hoff) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles northwest of Gardiner, MT. Increased fire activity has been observed with isolated crowning and torching throughout stringers of timber. The fire was active on the east perimeter with crews lining slopovers.

TACO, Nez Perce National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kechter) has been ordered. The team will take over the incident at 2100 hours today. This fire is ten miles east of Riggins, ID.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
ARTHUR	WY	YNP	2800	35	8/10	810	18	22	14	0	3.5M
HOPPE	MT	GNF	550	80	UNK	320	10	2	5	0	820K
TACO	ID	NPF	300	0	8/11	202	6	6	2	0	NR
WEIGEN	MT	SOS	1000	100	---	60	0	24	0	0	NR

SOS = Southern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

STAG, Elko Field Office, BLM. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Burdick) is assigned. This lightning caused fire is located 35 miles northeast of

Elko, NV. The fire made significant runs throughout the afternoon burning period. Limited access and steep terrain are hampering containment efforts. Significant progress has been made by hand crews and dozers with support from aircraft.

DELANO, Elko Field Office, BLM. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Broyles) is assigned. This fire is burning in pinyon juniper, grass and sagebrush 20 miles southeast of Jackpot, NV. Torching, running, crowning and spotting were observed. Crews, supported by air tankers, were able to make good progress in building fireline despite extreme fire behavior, high temperatures and low relative humidity.

WATER CANYON, Ely Field Office, BLM. This fire, burning in pinyon juniper, mountain mahogany and sagebrush, is 45 miles northeast of Eureka, NV. Creeping, smoldering and interior torching were observed. Crews were able to hold the fire perimeter despite 40 mph downdrafts. Heavy mopup in mountain mahogany is slowing containment efforts.

MM367, Elko Field Office, BLM. This fire, burning in sagebrush and pinyon juniper, is 17 miles southeast of Wells, NV. Moderate fire behavior was observed, with some interior torching reported. Steep rocky terrain, low relative humidity and high temperatures are slowing containment efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
STAG	NV	EKD	15000	40	UNK	442	13	29	4	0	497K
DELANO	NV	EKD	8534	60	8/8	310	7	33	1	0	NR
WATER CANYON	NV	ELD	2967	70	8/7	297	10	10	2	0	NR
MM367	NV	EKD	660	50	UNK	228	10	4	2	0	NR

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

MAD CREEK, Routt National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Cook) is assigned. This fire is in the Mount Zirkel Wilderness Area, 11 miles north of Steamboat Springs, CO. The easterly flow of monsoonal moisture has increased humidity and reduced active fire behavior. Steep slopes are hampering containment and gusty easterly winds could threaten containment lines along the west flank.

DINWOODY, Shoshone National Forest. This fire is located in the Fitzpatrick Wilderness Area 22 miles south of Dubois, WY and is burning in rocky terrain with scattered pockets of timber. This fire is in a limited suppression action due to elevation, terrain and rocky un-burnable boundaries.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
MAD CREEK	CO	RTF	1270	85	8/8	107	3	0	4	0	711K
DINWOODY	WY	SHF	500	0	9/20	6	0	0	0	0	6K
ELK MOUNTAIN CO	SD	BKF	26770	100	---	872	15	38	12	15	4M

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BKF = Black Hills National Forest

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

MERAMAC, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire, burning in native grass, cedar thickets and hardwoods, is 10 miles west of Cleveland, OK. High temperatures and shifting winds hindered suppression efforts. Extreme heat was a major safety concern and several firefighters were treated for heat exhaustion.

ZAFRA, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire, burning in pine and hardwood plantations, is 3 miles north of Zafra, OK.

HILLARD ROAD, West Texas Counties. This fire, burning in cedar, oak and juniper, is 20 miles southwest of Austin, TX. Gusty winds caused extreme fire behavior and torching.

RANGER WEST, West Texas Counties. This fire, burning in heavy mesquite, cedar and oak, is 40 miles east of Abilene, TX. Extreme fire behavior and rough terrain are hampering containment efforts.

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INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
MERAMAC	OK	OKS	120	90	UNK	43	0	7	0	0	NR
ZAFRA	OK	OKS	125	95	8/7	5	0	2	0	0	NR
HILLARD ROAD	TX	WTS	600	50	8/7	65	0	12	2	1	NR
RANGER WEST	TX	WTS	600	5	UNK	55	0	18	2	3	NR

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NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

INDIAN SPRINGS, Klamath-Lake District, Oregon Department of Forestry. An Oregon Department of Forestry Incident Management Team (Keith) is assigned. This fire is 18 miles northeast of Klamath Falls, OR. Containment lines are holding and no control problems have been reported, despite hot, dry conditions and moderate winds.

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INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
INDIAN SPRINGS	OR	98S	1800	80	UNK	820	30	0	5	0	1.5M

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

BURNT, Sequoia and Kings National Park. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is 50 miles north of Sierra Grove, CA. The fire is burning

in heavy timber and has potential for growth. Large sections of the interior are rock.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BURNT	CA	KNP	181	UNK	UNK	4	0	0	0	0	NR
BRICEBURG	CA	SNF	728	100	---	5	0	0	0	0	5.0M

SNF = Sierra National Forest

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

LYDIA CANYON, Cedar City Field Office, BLM. This fire is 32 miles southeast of Cedar City, UT. Aerial retardant succeeded in checking the fire's progress, allowing time for crews to get in place.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
LYDIA CANYON	UT	CCD	121	0	8/7	95	4	5	1	0	15K

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
JACOBS	MI	HMF	199	100	---	50	1	6	0	2	NR

HMF = Huron-Manistee National Forest

OUTLOOK:

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN POSTED IN THE SIERRA NEVADA FROM YOSEMITE SOUTHWARD TO THE KERN COUNTY LINE FOR AFTERNOON AND EVENING DRY LIGHTNING ABOVE 5000 FEET \*\*\*

High pressure centered to the east will continue to spread some monsoonal moisture north across southern California. Conditions will be mostly sunny with partly cloudy skies and a few thunderstorms in the afternoon over the Sierra Nevada and the extreme southern mountains and deserts. High temperatures will be in the 90's to 105 in the inland valleys, and 105 to 115 in the lower elevation deserts and southern inland valleys. Minimum relative humidity will range from 8 to 15 percent in the inland areas. Winds will be southeast to southwest at 10 to 20 mph in the afternoon.

A southeast flow around a strong high pressure will bring hot temperatures

and isolated dry thunderstorms to Nevada. High temperatures will be 78 to 102 in the north and central portions of the state, and 110 to 118 south. Minimum relative humidity will range from 6 to 20 percent. Winds will be south to southwest at 5 to 15 mph with gusts to 25 mph.

High pressure centered over eastern Wyoming and western South Dakota continues to transport some monsoonal moisture into Colorado. Wyoming and western South Dakota will remain hot and dry with mostly sunny conditions. Colorado will have scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms, with otherwise partly cloudy conditions. High temperatures in Wyoming will be in the mid 70's to 80's in the mountains, and 90 to 100 at lower elevations. Colorado will have high temperatures in the upper 60's to 70's in the mountains, and 75 to 85 at lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will range from 15 to 25 percent in Wyoming, and 25 to 35 percent in Colorado. Winds in Wyoming and South Dakota will be south to southeast at 10 to 20 mph in the east, and variable at 5 to 10 mph west. Colorado will see east winds at 5 to 15 mph.

The flow around a high pressure system centered over eastern Wyoming and western South Dakota will continue to transport monsoon moisture into Utah with some increasing moisture into southern Idaho. This will bring partly cloudy skies with widely scattered showers and thunderstorms. The possibility of dry thunderstorms exist for portions of western Utah. High temperatures will be in the 80's in the mountains, and 90's at lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will range from 8 to 18 percent, with 20 to 30 percent in the Utah mountains. Winds will be west at 5 to 15 mph.

High pressure will continue to dominate the Northern Rockies area bringing sunny skies with a slight chance of isolated thunderstorms to the west. High temperatures will be in the upper 80's to 90's. Minimum relative humidity will range from 10 to 20 percent. Winds will be 5 to 15 mph with gusts to 25 mph in the afternoon.

High pressure building over the Michigan will bring less humid conditions over the upper peninsula bringing mostly sunny skies with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms near the southern border. High temperatures will be 85 to 95, with minimum relative humidity ranging from 30 to 35 percent in the upper peninsula, and above 40 percent south. Winds will be west to northwest at 5 to 12 mph.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
ALASKA	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	1				2	6	9
NORTHWEST	ACRES	0				0	1	1
CA-NORTH	FIRES	1				13	5	19
CA-NORTH	ACRES	0				16	0	16
CA-SOUTH	FIRES		1		1	17	4	23
CA-SOUTH	ACRES		0		0	30	15	45
NORTHERN	FIRES	3				7	7	17

NORTHERN	ACRES	16				7	340	363
GB-EAST	FIRES	2	1			7	11	21
GB-EAST	ACRES	170	105			39	102	416
GB-WEST	FIRES	1	1			1	1	4
GB-WEST	ACRES	1	8545			1	0	8547
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1	2		1	7	23	34
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	0	1		0	6	5	12
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	10	7			5	2	24
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	1	3			5	1	10
EASTERN	FIRES					7	1	8
EASTERN	ACRES					0	0	0
SOUTHERN	FIRES	7				16		23
SOUTHERN	ACRES	21				1261		1282
TOTAL	FIRES	26	12	0	2	82	60	182
TOTAL	ACRES	209	8654	0	0	1365	464	10692

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	2	2	15	2	299	3	323
ALASKA	ACRES	0	1085	1611	5842	210138	3263	221939
NORTHWEST	FIRES	193	208	22	27	1074	764	2288
NORTHWEST	ACRES	9223	66725	3486	7	24281	11541	115263
CA-NORTH	FIRES	105	25	3	20	2045	719	2917
CA-NORTH	ACRES	178	1282	4368	5	34735	7756	48324
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	33	66	16	44	1426	443	2028
CA-SOUTH	ACRES	24	1351	1263	284	13111	17601	33634
NORTHERN	FIRES	662	26	13	26	466	386	1579
NORTHERN	ACRES	7823	3927	386	2803	10972	1749	27660
GB-EAST	FIRES	51	630		38	449	559	1727
GB-EAST	ACRES	755	78798		879	101351	10898	192681
GB-WEST	FIRES	10	333	2	13	86	126	570
GB-WEST	ACRES	8931	83598	1	104	36455	12172	141261
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1114	150	15	35	663	1413	3390
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	5324	5017	4478	1074	26387	20215	62495
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	303	436	28	39	327	438	1571
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	1995	8885	300	170	9632	7174	28156
EASTERN	FIRES	330		10	47	9783	421	10591
EASTERN	ACRES	14854		18	496	39664	5463	60495
SOUTHERN	FIRES	4463		58	1081	22755	663	29020
SOUTHERN	ACRES	4978		19298	37329	605308	18606	685519
TOTALS	FIRES	7266	1876	182	1372	39373	5935	56004
TOTALS	ACRES	54085	250668	35209	48993	1112034	116438	1617427

TEN YEAR AVERAGE FIRES 56,450  
TEN YEAR AVERAGE ACRES 2,304,218

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
ALASKA	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
NORTHWEST	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
CA-NORTH	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
CA-SOUTH	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES			1				1
NORTHERN	ACRES			245				245
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
GB-EAST	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
GB-WEST	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES						1	1
SOUTHWEST	ACRES						50	50
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
ROCKY MTN	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
EASTERN	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
SOUTHERN	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
TOTAL	ACRES	0	0	245	0	0	50	295

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES		1	1		3	1	6
ALASKA	ACRES		5	745		449	1081	2280
NORTHWEST	FIRES	17	66	9			314	406
NORTHWEST	ACRES	4356	4801	7194			50057	66408
CA-NORTH	FIRES	20	6	5	1		41	73
CA-NORTH	ACRES	262	100	615	10		9512	10499
CA-SOUTH	FIRES		2	3	2		41	48
CA-SOUTH	ACRES		12	208	174		5498	5892
NORTHERN	FIRES	18	7	83		44	301	453
NORTHERN	ACRES	1723	5840	10548		4309	29881	52301
GB-EAST	FIRES		7	4	3	9	40	63
GB-EAST	ACRES		817	1890	177	1490	8876	13250
GB-WEST	FIRES		5		1		2	8
GB-WEST	ACRES		804		0		182	986
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	13	26	11		2	190	242
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	2202	21197	35634		500	58401	117934
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	2	19	91	3	2	50	167
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	2500	4392	13582	303	762	26747	48286
EASTERN	FIRES	10		68	10	320	126	534
EASTERN	ACRES	8641		17861	1355	43868	16085	87810
SOUTHERN	FIRES	12		182	13	145	878	1230

SOUTHERN	ACRES	1408		53257	30099	87919	701995	874678
TOTAL	FIRES	92	139	457	33	525	1984	3230
TOTAL	ACRES	21092	37968	141534	32118	139297	908315	1280324

WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
ALASKA	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES				2		1	3
NORTHWEST	ACRES				1		1	2
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
CA-NORTH	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				28		8	36
CA-SOUTH	ACRES				316		30	346
NORTHERN	FIRES				7		10	17
NORTHERN	ACRES				0		28	28
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
GB-EAST	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES		17					17
GB-WEST	ACRES		1161					1161
SOUTHWEST	FIRES				2		21	23
SOUTHWEST	ACRES				1104		7185	8289
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		14	1	2		9	26
ROCKY MTN	ACRES		2810	48	934		603	4395
EASTERN	FIRES							0
EASTERN	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
SOUTHERN	ACRES							0
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	31	1	41	0	49	122
USA TOTALS	ACRES	0	3971	48	2355	0	7847	14221

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

Provinces	Fires		Hectares	
	Last Week	Year-to-date	Last Week	Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	0	821	0	2722
YUKON TERRITORY	0	62	132	16283
ALBERTA	8	765	1	151650
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	123	0	89025
SASKATCHEWAN	2	609	0	170579
MANITOBA	1	427	3	71076
ONTARIO	30	848	23	10028
QUEBEC	15	686	7	21303
NEWFOUNDLAND	2	129	43	396
NEW BRUNSWICK	6	305	9	378
NOVA SCOTIA	2	287	0	232

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	11	22
NATIONAL PARKS	0	20	61	7679
TOTALS	66	238	5134	541373

RESOURCE STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

Area	Crews Fed	Crews ST/OT	Engs Fed	Engs ST/OT	Heli Fed	Heli ST/OT	Airt Fed	Airt ST/OT	Ovrhd Fed	Ovrhd ST/OT
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	7	34	7	31	4	3			32	171
CA-NORTH			1		2					
CA-SOUTH	1				1				9	
NORTHERN	37	2	11	45	14	14	2		280	129
GB-EAST	15	5	27	11	9	3			134	14
GB-WEST	33	17	35	57	10	2	3		116	22
SOUTHWEST	7		6		1	1			21	
ROCKY MTN	20	2	25	36	7	10	2		216	105
EASTERN	1		4	6					15	4
SOUTHERN				39		4				120
TOTAL	121	60	116	225	48	37	7	0	823	565

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